

CORPORATE SERVICES, STRATEGIC PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

PUPIL ACCOMMODATION REVIEW POLICY (S.09) – PUBLIC CONSULTATION AND APPROVAL OF POLICY

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Jeremiah 29:11 / NIV

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RECOMMENDATION REPORT		

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The Toronto Catholic District School Board is an inclusive learning community rooted in the love of Christ. We educate students to grow in grace and knowledge and to lead lives of faith, hope and charity.



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A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Pupil Accommodation Review Policy (S.09) was approved for public consultation at the Special Board meeting on February 24, 2016. Comments received through consultation are mostly positive and supportive of the Policy, with no suggested revisions to the Policy.

B. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide for the consideration of Trustees the results of public consultation, and for Trustees to approve Pupil Accommodation Review Policy (S.09).

C. BACKGROUND

- 1. Prior to adopting or subsequently amending their pupil accommodation review policies, school boards are expected by the Ministry of Education to consult with local communities.
- 2. At its Special Meeting held on February 24, 2016, the Board considered the report *School Accommodation Review Policy* (S.09) and adopted the following motion:
 - "1. That the Board approve the revised Pupil Accommodation Review Policy (S.09) and accompanying 'Operational Procedures' with the proposed amendments, as contained in Appendix 'A' of this report.
 - 2. That public consultation occur at the level of 'consult' as defined in the Board's Community Engagement Policy (T.07)."

The above-noted report is provided in *Appendix 'A'* to this report.

D. COMMENT

3. Community consultation, as directed by Trustees was held at the level of 'consult' as defined in the Board's Community Engagement Policy (T.07). The Policy approved for consultation is contained in *Appendix 'B'*.

- 4. An online feedback tool was designed and hosted on dedicated web pages to solicit concurrent but separate input for the Pupil Accommodation Review Policy (S.09) and Community Planning and Partnerships Policy (B.R.07). Each web page hosted all the specific background resources from the Ministry designed to educate participants on the issues. This was done to ensure conformity and consistency with the new Ontario government guidelines which directed school boards to amend both their existing pupil accommodation review and facility partnerships policies to reflect the changes incorporated into the new Pupil Accommodation Review Guideline (PARG) and Community Planning and Partnerships Guideline (CPPG) before announcing any new pupil accommodation reviews.
- 5. Consultation participants were invited to participate beginning on April 6, 2016. Comments were submitted directly using the online comment tool associated with each policy. There was no need to self-identify.
- 6. The entire TCDSB community was informed of the consultation: parents, partners/external stakeholders (via Archdiocese), TCDSB permit holders, potential community hub partners, Catholic School Parent Council members, CPIC, OAPCE, all employees and employee groups (Teachers/Support Staff including the federations TECT, CUPE and TSU).
- 7. Follow up communication of the consultation process was executed using all media tools in the TCDSB communications inventory such as the Board's regular E-News publication, Director's Bulletin, Weekly Wrap-Up. Regular Twitter reminders were also issued to TCDSB's 17,500 followers.
- 8. Feedback received through public consultation regarding Pupil Accommodation Review Policy (S.09) was mostly positive and supportive of the Policy. The comments received did not suggest any revisions to the Policy and Operational Procedures. Comments received are provided in *Appendix 'C'*.

D. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That School Accommodation Review Policy (S.09) be rescinded.
- 2. That Pupil Accommodation Review Policy (S.09) and Operational Procedures contained in *Appendix 'B'* be approved.